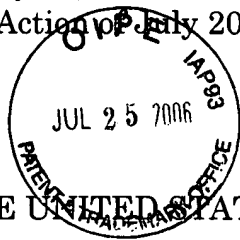


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2006. The time for responding to the Office Action is extended by three months by the accompanying petition for extension of time. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 14 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.